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**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Dear Commissioner:

Applicants submit this Information Disclosure Statement in accordance with their duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and § 1.97-1.98. Enclosed herewith is a List of References Cited by Applicants (PTO-1449), as well as a copy of each reference listed thereon that is not a U.S. patent or published U.S. patent application.

This statement is being filed after a notice of allowance in this case. The cited references were considered by the Office in the parent application for this case, US Serial No. 10/005,412, filed December 3, 2001. Applicants respectfully request the Information Disclosure Statement to be placed in the file.

Applicant, by submitting this Information Disclosure Statement, is attempting to fully comply with the duty of candor and good faith mandated by 37 C.F.R. §1.56. As such, this Information Disclosure Statement is not intended to constitute an admission that any of the enclosed references, or other information referred to therein, is otherwise material to patentability.

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